

## **REGULAR MEETING OF COMMON COUNCIL**

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chippewa Falls was held on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Gregory Hoffman presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

### **CLERK CALLS THE ROLL**

Council members present: Jack Covill, Brian Flynn, Greg Dachel, Jason Anderson, Robert Hoekstra (arrived at 6:55 PM), Susan Zukowski. Absent: Dennis Doughty.

City staff present: City Administrator Ron Singel, Police Chief Wayne Nehring, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rick Rubenzer, Library Director Rosemary Kilbridge, City Planner Jayson Smith, City Inspector Paul Lasiweicz, Fire Chief Tom Larson, Parks & Recreation Director Bill Faherty, Fire Battalion Chief Joe See.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**(a) Motion by Flynn/Zukowski, all present voting aye**, to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of November 18. **Motion carried.**

### **PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS**

**(a)** The following Chippewa Falls residents spoke against the proposed sand processing plant: Pat Popple, 561 Summit Avenue; Sandra Martineau, 318 Irvine Court; Cheryl Jensen, 8319 163<sup>rd</sup> Street (who owns property at 55 E. Central Street). Their concerns included expansion of the city boundaries to the north and the potential industries that may or may not want to come here if the sand processing plant moves forward. Ms. Popple spoke with DNR officials – Roger Fritz – Madison – 608-266-1201 and Jeff Johnson – Eau Claire – 838-8387 regarding the capacity percentage of emissions from this plant and was concerned they would take the majority of space therefore limiting what other industries could come in. Other concerns included the vision of the City; health issues for the children of Chippewa Falls related to silica dust; whether or not the City's wells could sustain the extra water usage; adding pollutants and increasing traffic flows without consideration for the elderly and children of the community.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**(a)** Mayor Hoffman opened a public hearing regarding the 2009 proposed budget at 6:40 PM. Ruth Rosenow, Chippewa County Housing Authority Director, thanked the Council for including funds for the Vision Program that provides assistance to city and county residents in need of ramps, grab bars and other handicap accessible items. She asked the Council to restore the \$1000 they have proposed to cut from her \$5000 request.

### **COMMUNICATIONS** None

### **REPORTS**

**(a)** The minutes of the Business Improvement District (BID) Board meeting of November 20 were presented.

### **APPLICATIONS**

**(a) Motion by Covill/Flynn, all present voting aye**, to approve the Operator (Bartender) licenses as recommended by the Police Department. **Motion carried.**

**Travis Beighley** appeared to ask the Council to grant his Operator License recommended for denial by the Police Department. **Motion by Dachel/Zukowski, all present voting aye**, to deny

## **APPLICATIONS(cont.)**

the Operator Bartender license Application of Travis Beighley as recommended by the Police Department. **Motion carried.**

**(b) Motion by Covill/Flynn, all present voting aye,** to approve the Application of Bridge Street Station, LLC appointing Donald W. Baker as agent. **Motion carried.**

## **PETITIONS**

None

## **MAYOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS**

None

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

None

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**(a) Motion by Zukowski/Covill, all present voting aye,** to approve the minutes of the Committee No. 1, Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater meeting of November 18. **Motion carried.**

**(b) Motion by Anderson/Covill, all present voting aye,** to approve the minutes of the Committee No. 3, Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic meeting of November 19. **Motion carried.**

**(c)** The minutes of the Special Library Board meeting of November 19 were presented.

**(d)** The minutes of the Special Library Board meeting of November 24 were presented.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**(a)** Ron Singel, City Administrator, stated the final two applicants for Main Street Director position will be in town for the Christmas Parade this weekend. He also stated there will be upcoming meetings with the Village of Lake Hallie regarding police chief services and possible combination of departments. Discussions may also begin regarding emergency services due to the possible disbanding of the Chippewa Fire Protection District.

## **ORDINANCES**

**(a) The First Reading of Ordinance 2008-20 Entitled:** An Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin was held. (*Wissota Health and Vent Property*)

(*Alderman Hoekstra arrived at 6:55 PM*)

**(b) The First Reading of Ordinance 2008-21 Entitled:** An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Code of the City of Chippewa Falls was held. (Parcel 3597.1 from R-1C Single Family Residential to C-2 General Commercial)

**(c) The First Reading of Ordinance 2008-22 Entitled:** An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Code of the City of Chippewa Falls was held. (Parcel 4412.1 from R-1A Single Family Residential to C-2 General Commercial)

## **RESOLUTIONS**

*\*Note: This resolution was postponed until after Item 15(b).*

**(a) Motion by Hoekstra/Zukowski** to approve **Resolution 2008-40 Entitled:** Resolution to Levy Taxes. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

## **OTHER NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW**

**(a) Motion by Hoekstra/Anderson** to approve the 2009 Business Improvement District Operating Plan and Budget. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

**(b)** The Council discussed the 2009 proposed Budget. A request was made by Alderman Flynn to place \$1000 back in the budget for the Vision Program. Council members discussed the many cuts to various departments and organizations, including the layoff of one library worker and not filling two vacant positions. **Motion by Hoekstra/Dachel** to approve the proposed 2009 Budget. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.** *The council then voted on Resolution 2008-40 listed above.*

## **CLAIMS**

**(a)** The Claims Committee met at 6:00 PM before the regular meeting to review the claims for payment by the various departments of the city. **Motion by Covill/Anderson** to approve the payment of the claims listed below. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

City General Claims and

Authorized/Handwritten Claims: \$210,734.63

## **CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion by Covill/Hoekstra** to go into closed session under the following:

19.85(1)(e) for “deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session” to consider: **Discuss and consider counter-offer from the State of Wisconsin for the purchase of approximately four acres of State land for the extension of Alexander Street; and (b) Discuss and consider the purchase of Parcels 4222.20 and 4222.30 from Greg Harberts per the Downtown Entrance Plan; and**

19.85(1)(g) for “conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved” to discuss: **(a) Concerned Chippewa Citizens and Allen Curtis vs. City of Chippewa Falls Plan Commission, Chippewa County Case No. 08CV700;** to allow City Attorney Robert Ferg, City Administrator Ron Singel, City Planner Jayson Smith, City Clerk Lynne Bauer and Public Works Director/City Engineer Rick Rubenzer; may return to open session.

The council discussed the above issues.

**Motion by Anderson/Covill, all present voting aye,** to return to open session. Motion carried.

**Motion by Anderson/Flynn** to accept the counter-offer from the State of Wisconsin for the purchase of approximately four acres of State land for the extension of Alexander Street. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Hoekstra/Zukowski, all present voting aye,** to adjourn at 8:31 PM. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by  
Lynne Bauer, City Clerk